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1. Special government commissions have been formed in Czechoslovakia to investigate personnel in all government departments and state monopolies. This large-scale investigation, which is not restricted to the examination of personnel files but also determines the job qualifications of civil servants, is presumably Moscow-inspired. Justification for the purge is the allegation that a considerable number of civil servants do not meet the job qualifications, either politically or professionally.
2. The Czechoslovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs will also undergo a rigorous inspection. It is expected that nearly half of all present officials and employees will be unable to meet the qualifications imposed by the commission and will get separation notices. It is considered probable that future prerequisites for entering the diplomatic service will include a diploma from a higher educational institute and mastery of foreign languages as well as the passing of various written examinations within a period of one to two years.
3. The government commissions have the further task of streamlining the work of the bureaucracy. Rumor has it that dismissed state employees will "volunteer" for work in mines and lagging agricultural enterprises.

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